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by Doug Amos

On Student Elections

This year McGill students are being 'treated' to a special interim Students' Society election in addition to being presented with their usual fair over the year. If we look at this election we can see that all the candidates are saying essentially the same thing. Their platforms all mention what good buildings managers they are, how they will put color T.V.'s and pubs in the Union, do something about the Board of Governors, the constitution, etc. On what basis then are students supposed to choose between candidates? The candidates seem to believe they will be judged according to who appears to be the most creative individual and can add that little extra to his platform to out do the other. One student commented on this as follows: "Most candidates are saying something about a pub in the Union, and what can be done to improve the Daily and if I were running I would outdo them all by combining both and suggest putting a pub in the Daily Office". This election then is no different in essence from past election campaigns where less than one of every ten students turned out to vote. Student are not interested in choosing between individuals who all say the same thing and devote most of their time to squabbling amongst themselves as to who can make the nicest poster, give the best one minute speech on the same topics, and be a good building manager. Student politics will continue

to stagnate in this fashion — with most students interested in thing other than student elections — until something is done to change the situation. We at McGill are a community of 15,000 people and something is certainly wrong if in a university where political ideas on problems flourish amongst individuals the politics of the overall of students is stagnating at this low level.

The Academic Activities Committee would like to suggest that this situation can only be changed by following a line of taking the issues to the masses to arouse the masses. This is the basis on which politics develop. What this means in practice is that student politicians should take the lead in initiating serious discussion on real problems that students are concerned with, working to develop the ideas that come out of these forums from a lower level to a higher level, and putting them into practice through relying on the initiative of students and facilities of the Students' Society. Elected officials should not be demagogues who come out of their offices every once in a while to tell us what is going on. They should be elected on the basis of how keen they are to bring issues (and not personal squabbles) into the public.

Even on this simple idea of taking the issues to the masses to arouse the masses there are various distortions which arise. Bourgeoisie politicians sometimes take issues to the masses but are always afraid to arouse the masses. They decide on the orientation of the issues which are to be developed and then offer the people choices on details without allowing discussion on the fundamental question. For example on the question of foreign domination of Canada and Quebec by U.S. imperialism, the people are only offered issues to decide on like whether or not future foreign investment should be 'screened'. People are not allowed to discuss the fundamental basis of the issue which is whether or not U.S. imperialism should be thrown out of Canada and Québec but only the piecemeal solutions of the bourgeoisie. Many student politicians who do take issues to the student body often forget about arousing the masses. For example, when a fundamental problem in student politics develops, the student leaders usually turn it into a constitutional issue and confront students not with the fundamental issue but with a choice between various constitution amendments. Taking issues to the masses in this way only culminates in short-term referendized issues of a stop-gap nature. If people don't turn out to vote because they haven't been involved and aroused on the fundamental question — they are accused of being apathetic.

- Taking issues into the public

to arouse the public can only develop if correct methods are followed. It is not a one-shot event, but a protracted process. Large numbers of people can only be aroused on fundamental issues, not sideline questions developed by opportunists. The most glorious example of this process was the Cultural Revolution in China. Here the fundamental question was whether China was to follow the capitalist road or socialist road of development. Wide scale discussion amongst the masses took place on this fundamental question over a long period of time and the aroused Chinese people solved this question by the method of Cultural Revolution. Here at McGill the fundamental questions facing students are those of the destiny of the nation and foreign dominance, and how best to serve the Quebec people. At such a point in history it is ludicrous to suggest that students can be aroused on issues like color T.V., and whether or not one student politician is cleverer than another in managing a building. But our student hacks would rather suggest that students are apathetic than go into the student body and initiate discussion on the state of the nation and the world and in finding ways to serve the larger community. Student executives must be activators the larger community. Student executives must be activators of debates on controversial topics! Otherwise why are they trying to get elected if they are not prepared to initiate debate on fundamental issues of interest to all students and constantly serve to arouse the largest number of students?

Marijuana Overtakes Alcohol

by Vic Vector

Marijuana could become competitive with alcohol as a popular intoxicant, a University of California at Los Angeles pharmacologist forecast here recently.

"It is conceivable that marijuana could become competitive with alcohol, exhibiting many of the same qualities for moderate and excessive use over long periods of time," declared Professor William H. McGlothlin.

"Future patterns of marijuana use will include amounts substantially above those typically observed today, with daily consumption of four to six cigarettes not being uncommon among regular users," he predicted.

"With the availability of the more potent (cannabis) preparations, some individuals will likely consume several times this amount," Professor McGlothlin said. At present the typical, current "marijuana user" in this country probably smokes no more than one cigarette per week, he noted.

"A student who smokes one marijuana cigarette daily would be considered a heavy user by current standards — yet his consumption is only 15 per cent of what is considered moderate in Eastern countries and no more than one or two per cent of what is regarded as very heavy use" there, Professor McGlothlin said.

A "Significant increase" in the number of persons who daily consume four to six marijuana cigarettes appears likely in the next few years, he added.

"While this level of usage is not generally considered disruptive for the Eastern countries, it remains to be seen whether the same conclusion will

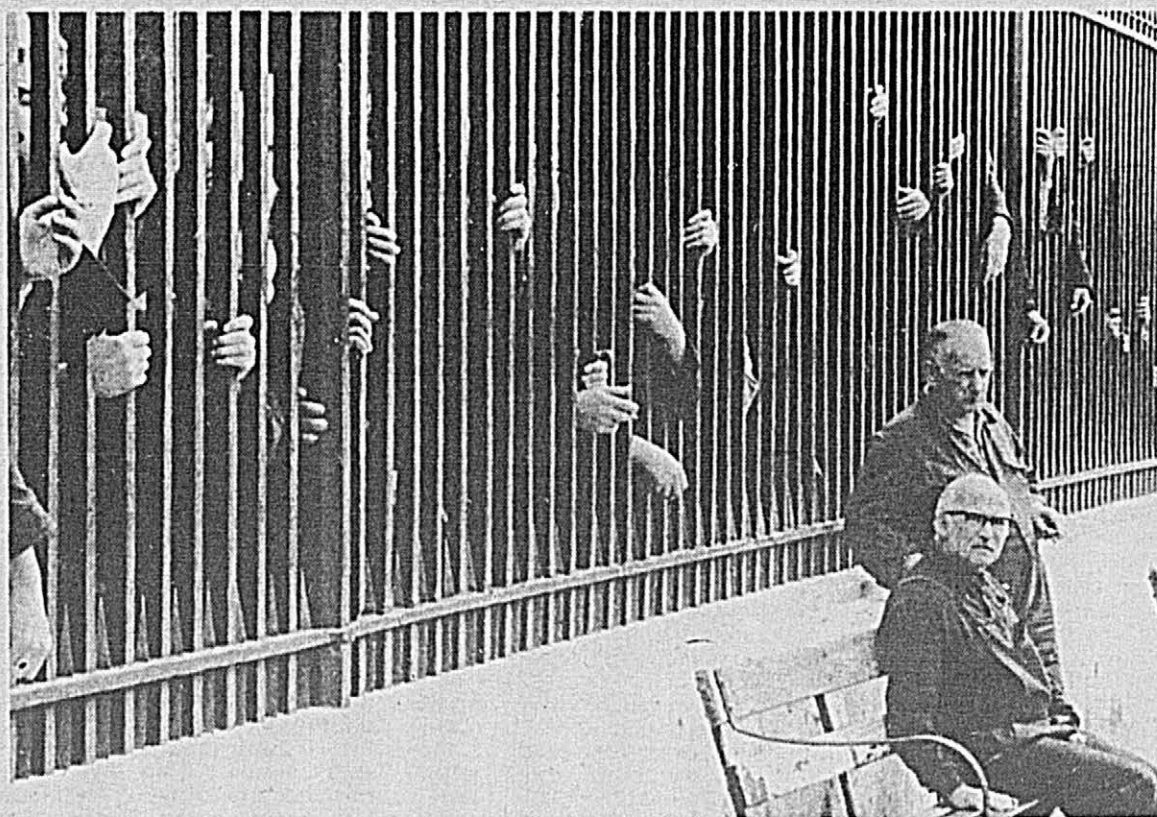
hold in a much more complex Western society. It would not be surprising if some individuals daily consume 40 marijuana cigarettes or more, an amount that greatly exceeds that presently observed in this country."

Four factors contribute to this prediction, he explained: 1) the majority of marijuana users are still in the "experimenter" stage, 2) in comparison with other countries, the doses of marijuana now being used in the U.S. are "quite low"; 3) "in spite of earlier conclusions to the contrary, tolerance of cannabis apparently does develop, especially for the more potent preparation;" and 4) hashish or other strong preparations are likely to become more available.

"It should not be concluded that a relatively high percentage of future marijuana users will be considered to consume excessive amounts," he declared. "Rather the standards of what is considered light, moderate, and heavy usage are likely to be shifted upward."

"Also, the more potent cannabis preparations will not necessarily replace preference for marijuana among many users, any more than the availability of distilled liquors eliminates the demand for beer and wine."

At present, he concluded, the prevalence of one or more trials of marijuana among students at urban West Coast colleges appears to be around 60 per cent. The rate for urban East Coast schools is slightly less, while those for Mid-west and Southern colleges probably are no more than half to two-thirds the West Coast rate.



DEAR DR. JOHN

Dear Dr.:

I have been going out with Marsha for over a year. We have always had a rather conservative approach towards sex due to her family upbringing. Lately however, I am finding it difficult to restrain myself because of my growing affections for her.

I talked it over with the boys one night at the Manse, and they suggested various approaches to the problem. In their estimation the quickest and most effective is the aphrodisiac "Spanish Fly". Since then I have heard of many different effects concerning its use. I need advice from somebody who knows, could you set me straight on the subject?

Getting Anxious

Dear Anxious:

Spanish Fly, strangely enough, is simply a spanish fly. Almost. Actually it is made from a small, shiny, iridescent beetles found in Southern France and Spain. The bodies of these insects are dried and pulverized, then treated chemically to extract a drug called "cantharidin". Then, supposedly, the real fun begins. All one has to do, according to the stories, is slip a few drops into your girlfriend's drink. No matter how cold she has been to you in the past, she will be transformed instantly into an insatiable sex maniac begging you to quench her pelvic fires.

Remember the story about the fellow who slipped some Spanish Fly to his date, drove out to lover's lane, and awaited the results? The young lady became worked up, exhausted her boyfriend's resources after 4 times at bat, and proceeded to have intercourse with the gear shift lever and most of the knobs on the dashboard. Nice story?

Don Quixote Proclaimed King by miguel de cervantes

Don Quixote, the mad McGill Daily sports writer has taken over the union and has proclaimed himself King of all McGill Students. The misguided hero who spent over a month tilting with the computer at Burnside Hall has stated that the computer is not the real enemy, but the politicians. The madman then sallied forth, meeting with as many students as he could, and gathering 536 behind him, launched an attack on the student union, to take over from the politicians.

In a surprising turn of events our heroic madman first gained a foothold in the union, and then threw out the incumbent rulers, King Richard the unheated and his squire Allan. In order to insure the rights of the students Don Quixote then proclaimed himself king and went about enforcing these rights on all people in authority within the student body.

His judgement being completely obscured he wavered about making decisions. Before he would do anything he demanded a consensus of all students. However since he was not a

Here is a more likely version: Ten minutes after drinking the "Love Potion" the girl collapses in convulsions — she goes to the hospital and Casanova goes to the clink. If she lives (fifty-fifty chance), he gets off lightly. If she dies, it's murder second.

Dear Dr.:

I live in Connecticut, have a beautiful home, happily married, and two lovely children. We have found that the "suburban wife-swapping" parties have helped our relationship in every respect except one. I have recently discovered that I have contracted syphilis. What are the chances that it has spread to my playmates?

Sores All Over

Dear Sores (and know how you feel):

It is probably only a matter of time. As sexual activity in our society becomes more free, the rate of all types of VD increases astronomically.

Inevitably the mayor's daughter will come in contact with one of these infected victims. After that it may take only a month or so for the infection to diffuse to the bank president.

The recipe goes something like this: Take a sexually vigorous young lady of twenty-two, add birth control pills and maybe a little marijuana. Stir in some false confidence in penicillin, a dash of hip-

pie philosophy, and a lot of immaturity.

Put all ingredients into a snappy new car that goes into some swinging neighbourhoods, and mix thoroughly. Incubate for ten days and the infection that results will be astounding.

A variation of the same recipe is as follows. Let's say the call girl has a customer, maybe a shoe store manager whose wife doesn't understand him. He gets one of the VD diseases from her. A month later he spends the night in a motel with one of his customers, the young wife of a law student whose husband doesn't understand her. Now she comes down with it. Obviously her quest for understanding doesn't stop with the gent from the shoe store. Six weeks later at a party she pairs off with one of her husband's friends from school, a nice boy who's just had too much to drink. Guess whom he is engaged to?

Two months after the party the mayor's nineteen-year-old daughter notices a vaginal discharge and a lump in her groin. With a few detours, it only took six months for the infection to get from the vagina of a call girl to the vagina of a debutante. Where else it has gone in the meantime is anybody's guess.

As this sort of activity intensifies, it won't be long before everyone is exposed to these little-known but devastating venereal diseases.

All reasonable and unreasonable questions will be personally answered if the writer includes a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send all letters to:

Dr. John
c/o The Plumbers' Pot
McConnell Engineering Building
McGill University
Montreal, Que.

The most provocative, pertinent queries will be presented in the ensuing issues.

getting direct sunlight. However the non-politician was persuaded that the cause of the high electricity bill was not the lighting but the fact that they had a powerful transmitter. The madman also relented in this matter.

Don Quixote met all these setbacks with a stoic poise worthy of any non-political reformer. Representing no vested interest, and having no political machine, the madman stated that everyone was against him. He used his master key to spy on all those politicians who had any power over students. One day on entering the room of the union lecher he spied a fair damsel who was unclothed. She perplexedly looked at him and screamed the obscenity "Fuck off". Don Quixote then turned to face her and replied "What do you mean fuck off, I am King."

Our heroic madman, the non-political reformer, Don Quixote continues to rule the union for what he terms the interests of the students. He has promised a referendum to obtain a vote of confidence from the students on the continued existence of his kingship in whatever form they decide. Long live our misguided hero! Long live King Don Quixote!

ENGINEERING WEEK FEB.14-18

We're at it again!

Festivities start with a bang with the 31st Panzer Division Parachuting Team landing on lower campus. This will trigger the start of the Car Rally whose first route instruction is to run over as many Panzers as possible within 30 seconds from starting, 20 points extra for hitting him before he touches the ground. First and only prerequisite for entering the rally is to have a car, complete with driver and navigator; submit entries to Mike Schoof, EUS. The winning team gets to keep a taxidermed Panzer, plus any loose 1914 deutchmarks you can find in the guy's left pocket; all welcome. Following is the Annual Piano Smashing Contest open to all Department heads and the odd straight guy who wants to smash his way to the top. Be all there at lunchtime.

Tuesday's big event is the Dow Roman Relay. Departmental and lower year teams will attempt negotiation of a cross-campus course in various vehicles of their own design. There will be an automatic prize for each person able to finish without an undue loss of blood. The winners will be rewarded with as much of the sponsor's product they still have the strength to carry off. All

welcome, especially our local sadists and vampires.

Wednesday's special event is the traditional Professors' Raft. Imagine one professor from each department stranded together on a raft in the RVC pool with the man-eating amazons swarming all around. There is food for only one and the other five must jump off and face certain peril. Each will give a short speech explaining why his department is the best and the audience will judge the winner. Step right up, folks!

The Inquisition of the Engineering Princesses will be held on Thursday in which all engineers will have the opportunity to conduct an in-depth examination of the five candidates for Engineering Queen. The only prerequisite here is to be a McGill student. Submit nominations to Barry, EUS office. This is your big chance to ask all those embarrassing questions.

Friday will see the long awaited Pub Nite. No doubt the usual Boat Racing events will take place. Come and support your favorite juicers: they'll need it to get back home. And, wouldn't you know it, the first prize is more beer.

It's your week, engineers; so be prepared to eat, drink and make merry, don't worry she'll come (more than once, we hope).

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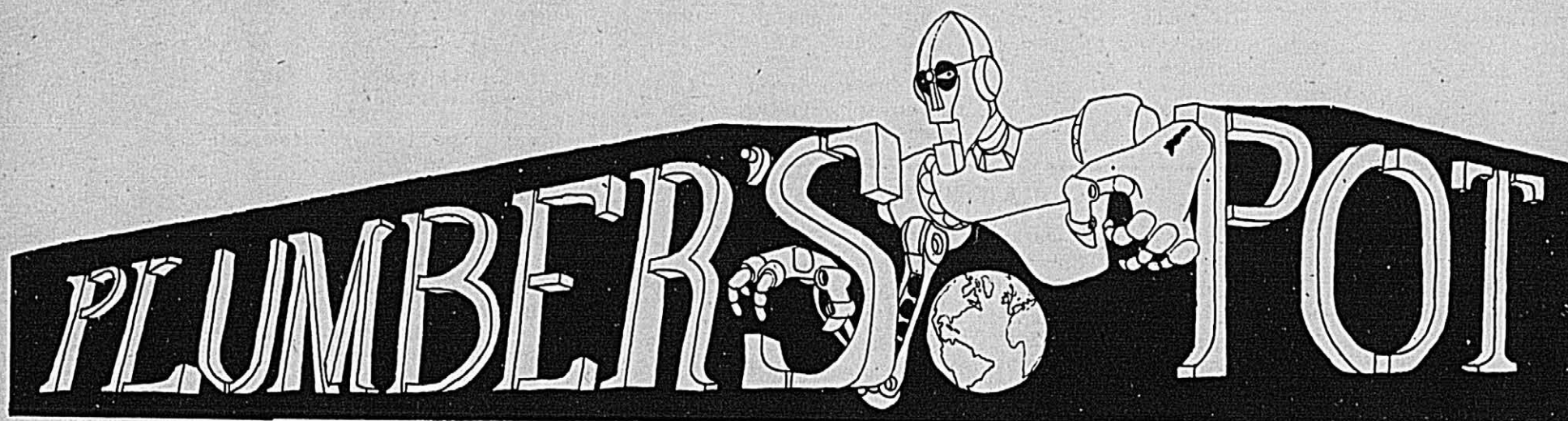
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THE JOB INTERVIEW

by Edward Strapagiel

That very first encounter with a campus interviewer or personnel manager is usually scored as another write-off. The majority of students have no idea what is expected of them, and consequently do a poor job of selling themselves.

In general times are becoming more and more difficult for the new graduate and also for those looking for summer work as the number of jobs diminishes. The employers are becoming more discriminating in their selection process and more critical during the employment interview.

The Pot has sent out letters to the organizations recruiting engineering students on-campus, and the following is a summary of what they had to say on the job interview.

Campus interviewers are concerned with several things concerning the students:

- Scholastic achievement
- Maturity
- Leadership potential (extra curricular activities)
- Ability to express himself
- Personal appearance
- Promptness

(g) Summer employment record
Items (a), (c) and (g) can be obtained from the resume sheet supplied. They are established facts and the student cannot change them at the time of the interview. When questioned on these points, the student should be frank and honest.

Maturity — Employers are looking for signs that the student knows where he wants to go and has some ideas of how he wants to get there. Too many students approach the interviewer without really analysing their career objectives.

Also, students should not be too particular as to geographical location of their first job. This is particularly important in

times of scarcity of jobs and an oversupply of applicants.

Ability To Express Oneself — Not all have this ability and it is hard to develop. The student should try and anticipate the areas where he will be questioned and be prepared to answer. If his scholastic achievement fell off in his last year — why? He should be prepared to give some details of his personal background which may not be available from his resume.

Personal Appearance — The "long hair syndrome" is still prevalent in business and industry. It is suggested that the student who prefers long hair take a serious look at his reasons for affecting this style, versus his chances of gaining employment because of a prejudice on the part of a potential employer. I am not saying this is right, but it is a fact the student must consider.

Whatever the length of his hair or facial foliage, it should be well groomed. Clothing should be conservative. He need not wear a shirt and tie but should look presentable.

Promptness — Be on time for the interview. If unavoidably detained, phone the placement center and advise.

Before the Interview —

1) The student should be sure to know something about the company with whom he has an interview. The sincerity of the interview is strengthened if the student is familiar with the operation of the company in relation to his interests and abilities. This shows that the student is indeed interested in the particular company and is not just shopping around. Company literature is generally available at the Placement Office or at the library, or you can write and ask for a brochure.

Initial Interview Tabulation										
Name _____			Age _____			Education _____				
Address _____			Telephone No. _____							
Position applied for _____			Date _____							
APPEARANCE	Untidy, disheveled, sloppy	Overdressed or careless in dress	Good appearance, generally tidy	Very neat, well-groomed and careful in dress	Gives evidence of extreme care in appearance					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
VOICE AND SPEECH	Indistinct, harsh, confused, gropes for words	Slurred, monotonous, over precise, difficult to understand	Clear, interesting	Very well modulated, convincing, easy to understand	Forceful, precise, very logical and colorful					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
POISE	Very nervous and fidgety	Ill at ease	Shows sufficient poise for this interview	Very relaxed, well composed	Entirely at ease and self-possessed					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
HEALTH	Very sickly, considerably over- or underweight	Subject to minor physical complaints, obvious defects	In good shape generally, no objectionable health habits	Very healthy-looking, energetic	Robust and in excellent condition					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
EDUCATION	Lacks necessary training or overeducated for the job	Fair education	Good educational background	Well educated; continues to read and study	Extensive education, directly related to the job					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
MANNER	Timid, cocky, overbearing, rude	Quick tempered, irritating, indifferent, overanxious to please	Interested, well balanced	Very confident, self-assured and tactful	Enthusiastic, warm, exceptionally self-possessed					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
RESPONSIVENESS	Withdrawn, dull	Responds only to questions asked, does not volunteer information, evasive	Good listener, responds well	Very alert, attentive, asks intelligent questions, spontaneous	Unusually keen, perceptive, imaginative					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
EXPERIENCE	Insufficient experience, needs considerable training	Limited experience, has some background but not in our line	Adequate background and experience for the job	Good experience, very familiar with our field	Unusually well qualified and successful					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
JOB STABILITY	A job-hopper, unreliable, unsteady	Little evidence of past success, shaky background	Good job stability	Sticks with a job, shows good record of growth and promotion	Outstanding past record, unusual potential for growth					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
MOTIVATION	Just wants a job, any job	Wants the job but not thinking beyond it	Willing to work to get ahead	Ambitious, very industrious, stable	Unusually well thought out plans for achieving goals					
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10									
					10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100					
Additional Comments: _____					Total — _____					

Interviewed by _____

2) Most people don't expect an applicant to know exactly what he wishes to come out of his career in terms of specific positions. However he should come prepared to express at least his personal parameters for a job. Decide the type of work which you enjoy, gain personal satisfaction from and on which you believe you can contribute the most. You should be looking for more than just a job.

3) Take the time to fill out your application form completely

and neatly. Add additional material on your personal interests, capabilities, and past work experience. Check for spelling mistakes. With the higher number of students and the lower number of jobs "pre-screening" may be necessary in some cases. Here you stand on the strength of the application form alone. Neatness is important, as the form is the very first contact that you make.

4) Some thought should be given to appearance, bearing

in mind the job for which you are applying. A company interviewing for bush jobs will have a different outlook than one that has jobs involving contact with the public. Neatness and cleanliness are important.

5) Come prepared to be frank, as a most important factor for the recruiter is sincerity and integrity from the candidates. It is just as necessary that the interviewer knows as soon as possible if the applicant is interested in

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the company as it is for the applicant to know if the company is interested in him. A good interviewer will spot a lack of candor and perhaps react negatively.

During the Interview -

- 1) Relax
- 2) Show some interest
- 3) Ask questions about the work and the company.
- 4) Note specific points in your resume that you feel are your strong points.
- 5) Talk about yourself and sell yourself. If you know what you want, say so. Put yourself in the interviewer's position. He must recommend a few of the many interviewed.
- 6) Most interviewers will be interested in your interest in the job, your extracurricular activities and your academic qualifications. Try to show him why he should recommend you.
- 7) Avoid bad speech habits ("ah, you know, ay?") and mistakes in grammar.
- 8) Don't try to overimpress.
- 9) Don't take issue with the interviewer on all that is wrong in the world or about your personal problems. He can't solve them.

Some Quotes from Interviewers:

- "I'll have lots of time to read your personal information sheet later... You and I need that half-hour to discuss what we don't know about each other."
- "If you ask a question, try to give the impression you're listening to the answer."
- "You're supposed to be our manager or engineering expert of the future. Try to look as if you got up before breakfast. You wouldn't take me seriously if I wasn't reasonably awake and tidy."

- "Remember that the guy on the other side of the table also puts his pants on one leg at a time."

Some recommended reading:
- "How to Separate Yourself

from the Herd" an article, "Employment Opportunities Handbook, 1971-72" page 53.

- "The Employment Interview" an article by Erle Ulley, "Canada Careers Directory (1970)".

PLATFORMATE

After a careful and exhaustive survey, the E.U.S. Bureau of Vital Grunt has compiled the following facts concerning a common activity of male and female homosapiens, known as "Sexual Intercoarse", or to the Arts-minded as "horizontal recreation."

"The average lay consists of about 30 strokes of six inches or a total of 180 inches

or 15 feet.

If the female takes this three times a week she takes a total of 45 feet a week, 2,340 feet a year.

There being 5,280 feet to a mile, she takes half a mile of penis a year. "WOMEN PLEASE NOTE: If your husband or boyfriend has a penis less than six inches, then you are being screwed out of a lot of Mileage.

HOW TO AVOID BEING HIRED

The Placement Office of New York University lists these reasons that are most frequently mentioned by employers for rejecting job applicants. The information is based on reports from 153 companies. If you are out to land a job, take inventory of yourself in relation to these facts. If you still have a period of schooling ahead of you, start immediately to work on any traits that may hinder your later in getting a job or being promoted. As you read the reasons for rejection listed below, ask yourself how you would rate in relation to each.

1. Poor personal appearance.
2. Overbearing, overaggressive, conceited, superiority complex, 'know-it-all'.
3. Inability to express himself clearly - poor voice, diction grammar.
4. Lack of planning for career, no purpose and goals.
5. Lack of interest and enthusiasm - passive, indifferent.
6. Lack of confidence and poise, ill at ease.
7. Failure to participate in activities.
8. Overemphasis on money - interested only in best dollar offer.
9. Poor scholastic record - just got by.
10. Unwilling to start at the bottom - expects too much too soon.
11. Makes excuses, evasiveness, hedges on unfavorable factors in record.
12. Lack of tact.
13. Lack of maturity.
14. Lack of curtesy - ill-mannered.

15. Condemnation of past employers.
16. Leak of social understanding.
17. Marked dislikes for schoolwork.
18. Fails to look interviewer in the eye.
19. Limp, fishy handshake.
20. Indecision.
21. Loafs during vacations - no job experience.
22. Unhappy married life.
23. Friction with parents.
24. Sloppy application blank.
25. Merely shopping around.
26. Wants job only for short time.
27. Little sense of humor.
28. Lack of knowledge of field of specialization.
29. Parents make decisions for him.
30. No interest in company or in industry.
31. Unwillingness to go where we send him.
32. Cynical.
33. Low moral standards.
34. Lazy.
35. Intolerant prejudices.
36. Narrow interests.
37. Poor handling of personal finances.
38. No interest in community activities.
39. Inability to take criticism.
40. Lack of appreciation in the value of experience.
41. Radical ideas.
42. Late to interview without good reason.
43. Never heard of company.
44. Failure to express appreciation for interviewer's time.
45. Asks no question about the job.
46. High-pressure types.
47. Indefinite response to questions.



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Dear Mom,



I am out of combat,



Please stop worrying about me.



I am out of Vietnam,



My morale is high,



I am in Sweden.



I am off drugs,



Your loving son,



EMPLOYMENT FOR ENGINEERING GRADUATES DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS

BY JOHN E. UDD

INTRODUCTION:

During the last three years two surveys have been made, which included all students enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering, to determine the patterns and trends in summer employment. The results have indicated that the Faculty of Engineering has been fortunate insofar as our overall rate of student unemployment has not been much different from the national average (6.3% in the September 1969 survey). As one would expect, the percentage of those unemployed in any given year has decreased as the level of the student's educational experience has increased.

There are many indications that the patterns will not be repeated during this year and in the coming years. The Faculty may soon be facing a crisis in employment, not only for undergraduates but also for many members of the graduating class.

FORECAST FOR 1972:

Some of the facts which were reported to me at a recent meeting of the Senate Placement Committee should be of interest to us all.

1. As recently as four years ago as many as 80% of the graduating class were hired through campus interviews. Last year only 20% were successful. Of the 1971 engineering graduates (at all levels) 46 are still seeking employment. The distribution is as follows: 10 Masters; 6 Doctorates; 17 B.Eng. (Electrical); 6 B. Eng. (Mechanical); 3 B. Eng. (Chemical); 1 B.Arch.

2. Two years ago 250 firms visited the campus for employment interviews. Last year the number of firms declined to 180. An optimistic estimate for this year is that 125 companies only will visit the campus. Additionally, there is a strong possibility that the number of jobs available to the graduating class this year will represent a decrease of 50% from last year's figures.

SOME OF THE REASONS:

It has been established that many employers are now hiring graduates from the CEGEPs rather than from the universities. Where previously a company seeking a technician may have hired a student at the Baccalaureat level, that organization today will probably look to the CEGEPs for a person with intermediate technical training. In one major organization in Montreal, of the nearly 50 people who are employed as technicians only one holds a Baccalaureat degree. The remainder are CEGEP graduates. This probably represents a reversal of the pattern that would have been true 10 years ago.

The over-supply of engineers and scientists, caused by current economic conditions, has led to estimates of unemployment for those disciplines in the United States of between 65,000 and 100,000. It has been estimated that in order to fully satisfy the demands of the market no more than 30,000 Ph.D.'s per annum will be required in the United States. Present estimates are that this figure will be exceeded by at least 50% in each year of the present decade. For further reading I recommend the recent article entitled "Science in the Universities in the Decade Ahead" by William Bevan in the November-December 1971 issue of the American Scientist.

It has been suggested that we will probably never revert to the conditions which prevailed 10 years ago. Generalists are not attractive to employers and are experiencing severe difficulties in finding work. Those with technical and professional training will probably fare much better.

SOME THOUGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

In a report which was submitted to the Faculty by its Ad Hoc Committee on Student Em-

ployment one year ago, it was recommended that Professors should take an active interest in developing employment opportunities for their students. The surveys that were taken showed that Faculty members can be influential. No doubt we all have our own contacts with industry.

As a Faculty member I am concerned that we may soon be in the position of training many more persons than are required by industry. Consequently, I think that it is vital that we not only develop the proper machinery for career guidance and placement, but that we also give serious thought to the proper steps that should be taken for the recruitment and selection of students.

The University has recently formed a Committee on Recruitment. This has been done in order to ensure that McGill receives a significant number of the university-level students in the Province of Quebec. Provincial grants are related to student enrollments. At the same time at which we are considering methods of recruitment, however, the number of our graduates that are unemployed is rising. In my view there will be real difficulties if, at some later stage, we are faced by large numbers of students who were recruited, trained, and then found that employment was not available. We must consider the optimum number of students that can be educated; with a view of economic conditions and to the ambitions of those students. Perhaps restricted enrollments are a partial answer.

It has been made clear to me that one of the reasons that students encounter difficulties in finding employment is that they are not prepared for the hard realities of life, and that their career ambitions have not been discussed at any time. Career guidance is not only a desirable facet of education, it is a necessity.

UDD ON JOBS

Realizing the tough summer job situation this year, the Pot interviewed Prof. John Udd on the topic. Prof. Udd is Chairman of the University Placement Committee of Senate and Chairman of the Faculty of Engineering Ad Hoc Committee on Student Employment. Here are his suggestions.

The finding of a summer job has, in the past, been a relatively routine matter for most of the students enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at McGill. Unemployment, according to surveys made in the autumns of 1969 and 1970, has been low and similar to the figures given for the trend in national unemployment.

In comparison with other students, those of our Faculty have been fortunate. Industry has demanded students with technical and professional training. Student engineers, because of the specific skills which they possess, have been leading candidates for summer jobs in an economy which is technologically oriented.

Current projections, however, are very discouraging. Fewer employers will be visiting McGill. Fewer jobs will be offered, and, in many cases, the jobs will not measure up to the anticipations of our students. The reason for the decline in employment are clear. The economy has slowed down, many companies are reducing production and this, in turn, has caused shutdowns, layoffs, and high unemployment.

Finding a job in these circumstances, though, is not impossible. Those who will encounter difficulties will do so for several reasons. Some of these are: waiting too long to begin the search; being unclear on career goals; having unreasonable expectations; and, not knowing how to handle a job application and interview.

For whatever it is worth, I recommend that you study the following points:

1) Most permanent jobs are offered in February. Most summer jobs are offered in March. If a student has delayed his decision beyond these points it is possible that he will not find a job for some time. The message then is simply this: begin your search now and be prepared to wait for several weeks before finding a job. The person who waits until late in the second semester, given present circumstances, places himself at a considerable disadvantage.

2) Assess your qualifications in terms of the type of job for which you are applying. Many students have found in the past that the two were incompatible and the time was wasted.

3) Some students in previous years have had unreasonably high expectations and have found that jobs of the type they had sought were simply not available to them. Turning down a job in production in the hope that an offer in research will be made can be a very costly mistake.

4) Before an interview do some homework on the company, the location of its plants, the type of jobs which it offers and what it expects of its employees. Many interviewers have told me that the students who appear to be vague, unknowledgeable of the company, and sloppy in appearance will not be offered a job.

5) Seek out all the help you can get. Consult the Canada Manpower Centre on the McGill campus; ask your friends for leads; ask your Professors for their ideas.

SWEET CHARITY

BY BOULEVARD PINK

Five years ago, before the golden age of free enterprise stopped running and started to crawl, the student engineer went to job interviews so that he himself could decide if and for whom he was going to work. Today this qualities as the elusive dream. Why? — Well, according to the status quo, jobs are scarce and the economy is such that it can't support the influx of recent graduates and undergraduates into the engineering employment market.

This is bullshit: if that part of the economy which engineering oriented is on the skids, then it needs qualified engineers to get it moving again. Unfortunately, the graduate en-

gineer, after 5 years of forced dedication to obtaining a qualified education, is not a qualified engineer where it counts, in obtaining a decent job. As far as the employer is concerned, you are an inexperienced beginner and if you are inexperienced then you are unqualified. Experience and not your education gets you your points in the engineering money market game, yet when profits were great, the same employers were singing a different song.

So where do you get this experience (dishwashing and night-watchmen don't rate); you can't and the only place you can hope to get it is from the same

companies that won't hire you because you don't have any. Moral — when someone finally does give you that golden opportunity, it's with the understanding that the new employee be grateful, humble, keep the status quo and accept that pay check which, after deductions, leaves you in the same league as your neighbourhood garbage collector... And remember, he didn't have to spend those 5 years in hell's half acre, and besides he at least gets to preserve the ecology. In your position, your opinions don't rate; you do your job and shut up, because an open and active mind only gets out the door.

Why are jobs so scarce — and salaries so low? — The answer is simple, the people you work for have to make a profit. They make that profit by selling your time or your ideas to some-

body else for more than they are paying you. This is the problem, for in a tight economy, competition is stiff and the selling price for your efforts has to be competitive and thus low. Thus even in an era of inflation, engineering prices and salaries remain at a minimum. Mismanagement and pocket stuffing at the executive level also contribute a lot if not most to this salary demise, and worst of all, they decrease the number of jobs being made available. Engineers already on staff are worked hard to the point of inefficiency (low profits), before more jobs are made available to the ever expanding mass of unemployed graduates and undergraduates.

It is the undergraduate who is now in the worst position, for he often needs the job experience to help him under-

stand where he is heading in his chosen profession, and not just for the employment potential he will thus already have obtained upon graduation. Both the university and the industry should ideally work together to provide these opportunities; industry especially and not just for us, but for them as well, since the situation will not improve if everyone sits around and waits for something to happen.

To be fair, some institutions and some employers do make the effort, but most don't. It seems that the only way that they will is when the status quo blows their own show to the point where they don't score enough points in the profit game anymore. By that time where does it leave us? Suggestions anyone?

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WITH GRINDER AND MARTONE

This week's column will be short and sweet since these two scribes have not yet recovered from the lengthy holiday festivities. There seems to be great controversy in the Administration Office. Mrs. Wilde is rumoured to have retired, and one of her secretaries is out looking for a job. The first company she tried was Zenith Television and Electronics, but she declined after hearing the following. A young lady was hired as a secretary, with a desk directly in front of one of the executive's offices. Secretaries were similarly placed in a long row of offices, and on each door was the name of the executive with his secretary's name underneath. The young lady in question had worked for a few weeks, but her name had still not appeared on her boss's door. She was becoming slightly embarrassed about the situation and finally decided to approach her employer. As she entered the office, the executive seemed to know what was on her mind, and walked over and closed the door. She explained her situation about the door and watched in shock as the gentleman undid his zipper. He pointed in the vicinity of his groin and asked: "Do you see that?"

"I certainly do", replied the blushing maiden.

The executive continued with, "Well that's quality, and here at Zenith, the quality goes in before the name goes on."

A man walked into a drug-store to purchase some razor blades. The new salesman, anxious to please, quickly asked whether the man wanted a package of three or twelve packages of three. Now the client had not asked for anything yet, so he quickly assured the salesman were all he desired. This upset the salesman, and he refused to sell the man the blades, unless he could produce a razor to prove his need. Some time later, the same man and salesman were involved in negotiations over toothpaste. The salesman had asked whether the man wanted a package of three or twelve packages of three. Once again the salesman became enraged when he realized he had misinterpreted the order, and again refused the purchase, this time demanding a toothbrush before a sale could be made. Well, as you may well guess, the man made one more appearance, for the sake of this joke, but this time he brought a little

box with a hole in it. The salesman was beaming, as he made his standard inquiry about quantity. All in good time was the man's reply, but first he wanted the salesman to put his finger in the hole. The salesman obliged and felt something soft and — sticky. "What is it?", he asked with a smile.

The man quickly replied: "It's shit. Two rolls of toilet paper please!"

Turning to a different subject, the Engineering I hockey team is still undefeated, as was the Engineering II squad until late Thursday night when they were whipped five to one by the Management team. Coach Tuna's winning streak was ruined and according to him, "There was a conspiracy afoot which might have involved some of my own players. I think they just wanted to see my cry." The coach did not let them down, by promises to rule with an iron stick from now on.

While speaking of sports, we'd like to repeat some well written commentary from a rival newspaper, concerning the Super Bowl. The scribe had this to say: "The turning point in the game came when Larry Csonka fumbled in the opening quarter, first miscue of this sort since grade 3 of his elementary school career. It wasn't entirely his fault of course, since quarterback Griese placed the ball where Larry already had an over-abundance." This is the type of sports reporting that sells newspapers, and no Bruce, it won't help to call yourself "Booty" when baseball season rolls around.

Last week some of Montreal's finest were called in to investigate the disappearance of a couch from the ladies lounge in the MacDonald Building. It was conveniently found in the POT office. We deny all responsibility however, and have documented information that it was planted by someone (recently retired) in the ADMINISTRATION OFFICE in an attempt to incriminate the staff of the newspaper. We know the staff better than that, and are sure they would have taken a nicer one if it wouldn't have been in the Dean's Office. We don't have a real good joke to sign off with, so we'll simply mention that the Students' Society Election was yesterday, and leave it at that.

PLASTIC POT REVIEW

BY THOMAS SCHNURMACHER

Harold and Maude — A tender, poignant love story between Bud Cort, age 19, and Ruth Gordon, age 79. Typical plot line of boy meets hag. The script and dialogue are so bad, they're embarrassing, but the acting redeems the film and Cort's suicide attempts are brilliantly executed. Someone dies at the end of the film. Who?

Bedknobs and Broomsticks — A probing Walt Disney exposé about dildo fetishism. Shelley Winters romps around on a broomstick getting her jollies and saving England at the same time. The film also has a delightful fantasy cartoon sequence. Very heavy. Groovy too. Definitely not a rip-off. Get some

spare change and see it with a child molester you know.

Trash — As always, I save the best for last. This film is lewd, perverted, obscene, vile, crude and cheap. I wouldn't want to tell you all about it, but here are a few scintillating highlights. Everyone in the film suffers from acute acne. The film has more blow-jobs than the average beauty-salon. And finally, the film has a beer bottle that's really into girls. Warhol's filth at its best. So see it with a Kleenex. And I don't mean for tear-jerking either.

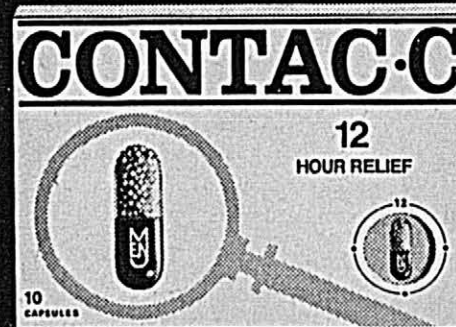
Book Section — On behalf of the Plumber's Pot, I present an exclusive review of a book that has not yet been released

either to the public or to book-reviewers. The book is entitled "How I Started from Scratch" by Howard Hughes. Scratch is Scratch Rockefeller, Hughes first wife. There is a foreword to the book by J.P. Getty and a backword by noted Greek Aristotile Onassis.

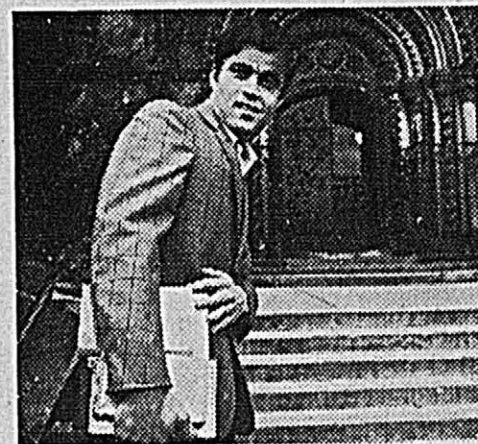
Record Review — The only record in mind at the moment is the new Bangla Desh album featuring George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and Rabbi Shankar. This record has attained such world wide acclaim that Indira Gandhi has named a country after it.

Stay tuned next issue. Who knows, I might even save up and review "Fiddler on the Roof".

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THE PREZ SEZ

... with Bruce Brady

Hi fun seekers. I hope you plumbers have recovered from the holiday period and are ready to start off the term with a big bang.

It was good to see such a large ticket sale for the Engineering Banquet. Kudos to Debbie Spafford for all the hard work she put in.

Your executive has called for bids for the food service contract. Eight companies have expressed interest, including the present operator.

Dean d'Ombrian is planning to push Opportunities for Youth programmes for engineering students. If you have a project in mind see your department chairman or watch this column

for more info.

Staffers are urgently needed for our annual magazine, the McGill Engineer. Please get in touch with the editor, Gordon Routley, if you can contribute.

There will be a meeting of Engineering Council tonight at 6 p.m. in the Iron Ring Room.

If you have ever descended to reading the bilge produced by Martone and Grinder (printer elsewhere in this rag), you may have noticed that those two degenerates have taken a few indecent shots at this writer. In this regard, remember these words of Chairman Mao: the worms only attack the best apples".

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CREDITS

1) Cafeteria	14250.00
2) McGill Engineer (1970-71)	2186.89
3) Handbook 1971	1545.51
4) Athletics	100.00
5) Iron Ring Ball 1971	828.88
6) Plumbers' Pot (1971-72)	907.83
7) Miscellaneous	206.58
8) McGill Engineer 1972	6290.00
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DEBITS

1) Back Service charges	2.00
2) McGill Engineer (1970-71)	528.88
3) Engineering Handbook 1971	1,065.50
4) Secretarial services	267.60
5) McGill Engineer 1972	5,650.00
6) Iron Ring Ball 1971	1,102.33
7) Plumbers' Ball 1972	575.00
8) Office Expenditures	
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13) House Committee (Locker Refunds, etc)	912.04
14) Plumbers' Pot	approx 1,800.00
15) Engineering	146.64
16) Red & White Committee	68.17
17) Athletics Department	567.61
18) Photography Club	292.98
19) Cafeteria	2,764.33
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Peter Attwood

THE BOSS

When the body was created, all its parts wanted to be the boss.

One day, the brain said: "Since I control everything and do all the thinking, I should be the boss".

To these words the foot answered: "Since I give mobility to man and place him in position to do what the brain asks for, I should be the boss".

The hand had this to say: "Since I do the work and earn everybody's living, I should be the boss".

Then the eye spoke the following: "Since I must see for each of you and warn you of any danger, I should be the boss".

Similar speeches were heard from all other parts of the body: heart, ears, lungs, nose. In the end, the asshole said he

wanted to give orders. The reply came as a joyful uproar. Furious of being laughed at, the asshole decided to go on strike and shut itself tight.

Immediately, the brain became feverish, the feet too weak to carry the load and walk, from the eyes dripped tears of pain, the hands were powerless, heart and lungs barely survived the ordeal. Shortly they all went to the brain and pleaded that the asshole should be elected boss. And so it was decided.

Then all the parts went back to their jobs, under strict supervision from the boss: THE ASSHOLE.

Which comes to say: 'You need not be a brain to be boss'.

Anonymous
Reprint from Le Polyscope of Dec. 14, 1971, translated from French by Jean Corbeil.

ENGINEERING BLOOD DRIVE

"I don't want pity — I just want blood!"

This was the well publicized plight of an unfortunate individual who had been awaiting surgery ever since last July due to the increasingly diminishing reserves in the Red Cross blood bank.

This coming February 22-23, the E.U.S. will again be sponsoring the annual Engineering Blood Drive. This year, we have accepted a commitment to augment the Red Cross's reserves by a minimum of 1000 pints. In previous years, this amount has not even been remotely approached, much less surpassed, but we feel confident that by appealing to the philanthropy of potential donors, and that through inducement rather than enticement, this objective will not prove to be evasive.

The most difficult task of the committee is to somehow convey to the student body,

as well as to the populace at large, the urgency of the blood supply situation, and the necessity of their donating

Blood can be stored for only 21 days and a minimum of 5000 pints a week are therefore needed in Montreal alone to fulfill the demand. This past season, the McGill Blood Drive fell well short of its mark in spite of a tremendous effort by its organizers, donations from industrial clinics were low, and the mayor's clinic was a flop. The Red Cross is destitute for blood! Two weeks prior to the printing of this article, the Quebec blood bank had a grand total of four pints with which to meet the requirements of 128 hospitals throughout Quebec.

In the past, McGill students have been beseeched by speeches, coerced by strong-arm tactics, and cajoled by mobile P.A. systems. Door prizes, entertainment, cele-

brity appearances, refreshments... have all been utilized to prompt potential donors. Results have been fair, at best. This year the blood shortage is critical and your donations are needed more than ever.

There will be lunch hour films showing the physiology, preservation, and uses of blood; entertainment will be provided by musicians from the Yellow Door Coffee House; refreshments will be served; a pint of beer will be offered all donors in exchange for their blood to see if it will serve them better; and droplettes and Playboy bunnies will be on hand to add to the congeniality.

We'll be doing our share — please do yours! Come on down and BRING A FRIEND.

Clinic hours will be: February 22; 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. February 23; 10:00 a.m. — 9:30 p.m.

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SPORTS



Eng. B broomball Starts Monday

by Scott Murdoch

The ice is ready and the Engineering Building is buzzing with broomball talk.

Chem 5 is preparing to defend its championship. They look to be in a strong position with such proven stars as Gren Norton and import Lowrie Lachapelle. Hardrock defenseman Peter Attwood was asked who he regards as the major challenger. "Mining" advised Pete, referring to the senior mining team, the Stoppers. Big Q Quansah, formerly with the Ghanain National Broomball Team, is the major threat for the mining squad. Attwood predicted that Elect 5 would likely be the league patsies, but this reporter picks Data Centre to finish last as usual.

The Met sports empire seems to have crumbled and that department is not expected to field any serious threats.

Both Mech 4 and Mech 5 have low scoring but highly regarded teams. Mech 4, featuring Mean Mike Lowenger, will be one of the league's toughest contenders. Civil will no doubt field three also ran teams, as it does every year. Will former EUS V.P. Allan Gandell venture onto the ice this year?

The U1 miners are also making an entry (the Muckers). Talk about class spirit. Every single member has signed up for the team. Graham "Flying Dickie" Hooke is the inspirational leader of that class and what a vicious competitor he is.

A horde of lower year teams is expected to be entered before the deadline, notably the Broomballers and Revenge.

Entries will be accepted in the EUS Office until 5 p.m. today. Referees are also needed. Play starts on Monday.

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY

by Lefty Scott

Just before the Christmas break the Engineering I intramural hockey squad faced its biggest test of the young season. The opposition was the talented Medicine I team, its roster studied with ex-Redmen. Adding to the problems of Coach Dane Baily was the one-game suspension of hard-shooting defenseman Barry Einarson, found guilty by the Students' Intramural and Recreational Council of shoving a referee during the touch football season. The high-flying plumbers came to play, however, and the result was one of the most exciting puck contests witnessed by this reporter. Beats sitting in front of the tube for a match-up between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Vancouver Rinky-Dinks.

The early action was even, but later in the first period the doctors took over completely. Bob "Houdini" Bellini was called upon to use all the tricks in his bag; his outstanding play preserved a scoreless deadlock. During the intermission Baily was able to inspire his charges, somehow transforming them into fiendish checkers who skated circles around the medics during the second (final) period. At the 5:09 mark Ken Shinya dug the puck out of the corner and — flash — Dave Munr had it in the net. Two minutes and five seconds later Medicine notched a goal on a similar play. For the next twelve minutes the engineers swarmed around the opposition net. Unfortunately the Med goalie had horseshoes up his ass and the boys had to settle for a 1-1 tie. Later, Coach Baily was asked to reveal what he had said to his players during the intermission. "Well," explained Dane, "I just reminded them of the vast oceans of beer which the EUS has riding on the championship, and they went out there and played like wild men."

Among the throng at the Winter Stadium that night was Gordie Howe, who was asked to pick three stars, Gordie's selections: number 1, Bob Bellini; number 2, Gary Elgar, who made two electrifying rushes; number 3, the horseshoes.

Last week's game was less exciting. The hapless Arts squad was no match for our talented boys, who jumped into an

early 4-0 lead and coasted from there.

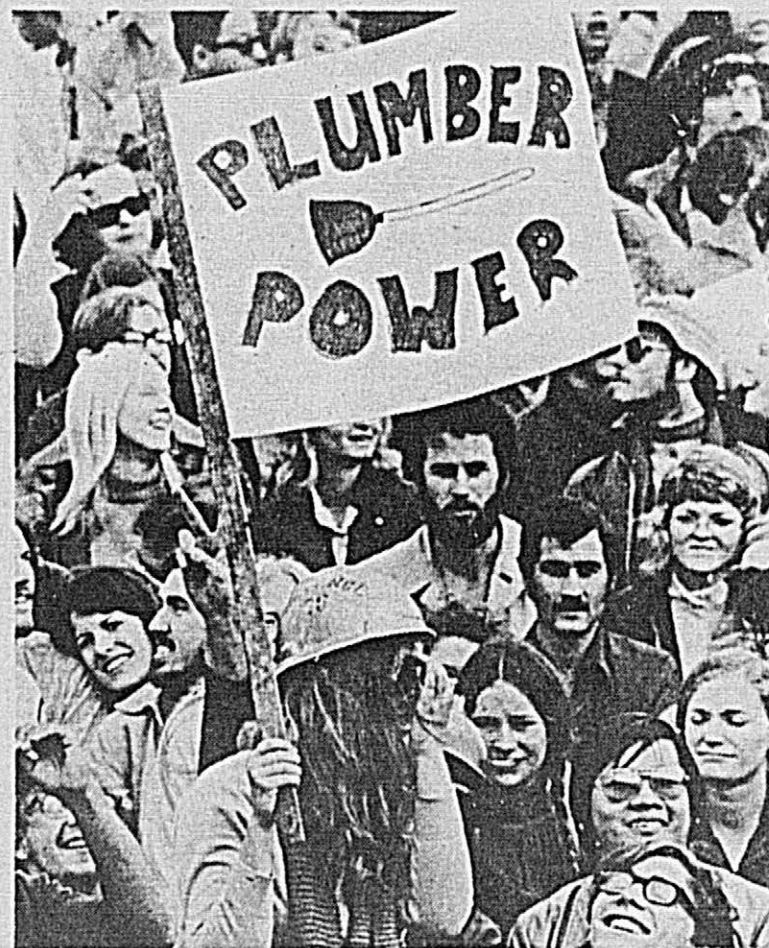
Ted Lawrence scored two before Barry Einarson and Ken Majors counted one each. The rest of the game featured plenty of hard hitting. "About time we started intimidating people" said Baily. The Artsmen did get one goal. Then came the amazing. Down 4-1 in the final minute, the Artsie-fartsie coach pulled his goalie! Tom Erkill, centering the Swine Line, wasted no time in blasting in a wicked slapshot for the "clinch".

Next game tomorrow night at 9:15.

The following report on Division II hockey was filed by those two beloved Potters. Me and Bobby McGee:

Last Thursday the Eng. II team ended their winning streak by bowing rather ungracefully

to Management by a score of 5 to 1. These scribes were embarrassed to be onlookers at this disgraceful spectacle. The plumbers skated at less than quarter speed at best throughout the contest. Their passing was disgusting as they immediately gave the puck away at every opportunity. The only surprise of the game was that the plumbers managed their one goal. Our guest analyst Howard Gasshole said, "This is typical of the brash young players coming up in the ranks nowadays. They had a little layoff and spent the holidays drinking, smoking, and carousing. I've heard some of them were even fooling around with girls!!!" Such was the ineptness of the squad that the management team's goalie was left virtually untested all night.



Pot photos by Chris Marshall

Fans at Engineering vs Medicine game

